

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

To: Chief, Geographic Research

Project No. (L.1786

From: Acting Chief, Geography Division

Date: 13 July 1959

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Geographic Factors Affecting Concealment of Soviet Underground Nuclear Explosions.
2. Statement of Problem: To define and evaluate the factors that would aid or hinder Soviet efforts to conceal underground nuclear tests. To determine the areas that would be most suitable for such concealment efforts. See letter of request for outline.
3. Requester: AD/SI. Letter of request dated 25 June 1959 attached. Preliminary phase of this request -- see paragraph 6 -- was completed as G/S 59-9.
4. Responsible Analyst: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired: Preparation of maps by D/IC.
6. Estimated Man Hours in D/GG: 300
7. Probable Completion Date: Open
8. Probable Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR GR
9. Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report: To requester only.

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Acting Chief, Geography Division

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Chief, Geographic Research

15 JUL 1959

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